

REMARKS

The present application contains claims 1-12. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended. Claims 5 – 8 have been canceled. Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and discussion below.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter and limitations of objected to dependent claims 5 and 6 as per the Examiner's suggestion. Accordingly, applicant believes claim 1 is now allowable. Claim 9 has also been amended to include the same type of limitations that were added to claim 1. Claim 9 is similar to claim 1 and is presented in means plus function language. Applicant believes that claim 9 is allowable for substantially the same reason(s) as claim 1. In addition, dependent base claims 2-4 and 10-12 are believed allowable as depending on an allowable independent claim.

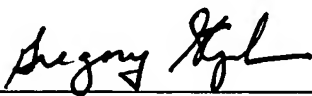
For the foregoing reasons, the Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims in the present application are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims at the earliest possible date are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is authorized to charge any fees required and not paid herein, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 13-4365.

Respectfully submitted,

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